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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this

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Each document listed in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from the Taiwan Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application and this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication.

Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached. Copies of the U.S. patent publications are not enclosed.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

U. S. Patent No. 6,797,964 is a corresponding application to Taiwan Patent No. 486713.

In an office action issued by the Taiwan Intellectual Property Office ("TIPO") on April 29, 2005 during prosecution of a Taiwanese patent application corresponding to the disclosure of the above-captioned U.S. Patent Application, claims 1 and 2 of the Taiwanese application were rejected over U.S. Patent No. 5,578,998 ("the '998 patent") and 5,057,814 ("the '814 patent"). The TIPO rejected claims 3, 4 and 5 over Taiwanese Patent No. 486713 combined with the '998 patent and the '814 patent.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the

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		US-5,057,814	10/15/1991	Onan et al.	
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